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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AGING.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

**PART I**

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the kupuna care program was enacted in 1999 to address the needs of Hawaii's aging population and the issues arising from those needs. The kupuna care program is considered to be alternative to traditional long-term care options. The goal of kupuna care is to enable Hawaii seniors to lead independent, meaningful, and dignified lives in their own homes and communities. The legislature further finds that the kupuna care program provides access to affordable and quality home- and community-based services, including hot meals, transportation, case management, and personal care assistance. Services offered by the kupuna care program provide a safety net for all kupuna and their caregivers.

The legislature further finds that the State's aging and disability resource center is a navigational tool intended to streamline access to long-term supports and services for older adults, individuals with disabilities, and family caregivers.



1 The legislature additionally finds that proper funding for the  
2 aging and disability resource center is essential to ensure the  
3 center is an effective single point of entry for individuals  
4 seeking information about appropriate long-term care options.  
5 Ensuring the availability of services once a consumer receives a  
6 referral, such as those offered through the kupuna care program,  
7 is also critical to the success of the aging and disability  
8 resource center.

9 The purpose of this part is to provide funding to support  
10 the State's kupuna care program and aging and disability  
11 resource center.

12 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
13 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$5,100,000 or so much  
14 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and the  
15 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
16 2016-2017 for the kupuna care program; provided that the sums  
17 appropriated shall be in addition to the base budget of the  
18 executive office on aging.

19 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
20 of health for the purposes of this part.

21 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
22 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1,710,000 or so much



1 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and  
2 \$1,651,300 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
3 year 2016-2017 for the aging and disability resource center.

4 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
5 of health for the purposes of this part.

6 **PART II**

7 SECTION 4. Section 349-3.2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
8 amended to read as follows:

9 **"[~~§~~349-3.2[~~§~~] Alzheimer's disease and related dementia**  
10 **services coordinator.** There is established within the executive  
11 office on aging an Alzheimer's disease and related dementia  
12 services coordinator to coordinate the provision of public and  
13 private Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services. [~~The~~  
14 ~~coordinator shall be appointed by the director in accordance~~  
15 ~~with chapters 76 and 89.]"~~

16 SECTION 5. There is appropriated out of the general  
17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$70,000 or so much  
18 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and the  
19 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
20 2016-2017 for the Alzheimer's disease and related dementia  
21 services coordinator position.



1       The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
2 of health for the purposes of this part.

3                               **PART III**

4       SECTION 6. The legislature finds that every year in  
5 Hawaii, on average eighty-five seniors die, 1,960 are  
6 hospitalized, and 8,700 are treated in emergency departments as  
7 a result of falls. Falls among the elderly also result in  
8 almost \$1,200,000 in hospital and physician charges. In  
9 recognition of this critical public health issue, Act 153,  
10 Session Laws of Hawaii 2014, established a fall prevention and  
11 early detection coordinator position within the department of  
12 health's emergency medical services and injury prevention system  
13 branch. This position enables the department of health to  
14 support a coordinated statewide approach to prevent and reduce  
15 the impact of falls among older adults.

16       The purpose of this part is to assure a continued focus on  
17 fall prevention in Hawaii, which will ultimately result in  
18 longer, healthier lives for the State's aging population.

19       SECTION 7. There is appropriated out of the general  
20 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$32,000 or so much  
21 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and the  
22 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year



1 2016-2017 for fall prevention and early detection services for  
2 the elderly.

3 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
4 of health for the purposes of this part.

5 **PART IV**

6 SECTION 8. The legislature finds that senior centers in  
7 Hawaii provide vital health education and screenings, fitness,  
8 recreation, case management, and other services that enable  
9 thousands of senior citizens to maintain wellness, support  
10 independence, and avoid expensive institutional care. The  
11 State's 2013 Profile of Successful Aging Among Hawaii's Older  
12 Adults notes that supportive relationships, interactions with  
13 the environment, and engagement in social activities have  
14 positive correlations with the well-being of older adults. The  
15 legislature further finds that senior centers are accessible and  
16 popular places where Hawaii's kupuna may gather for social  
17 engagement and physical activity that contribute to their well-  
18 being.

19 The purpose of this part is to provide funding for senior  
20 centers, thereby enabling kupuna to participate in activities to  
21 help them remain active, healthy, and independent in their  
22 community.



SECTION 9. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$388,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 to provide funding for grants, pursuant to chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, for seniors centers and to be distributed as follows:

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| (1) | Catholic Charities Hawaii for the    |               |
|     | Lanakila multi-purpose senior center | \$185,000;    |
| (2) | Kapahulu Center                      | \$78,000;     |
| (3) | Moiliili Community Center for the    |               |
|     | Moiliili senior center               | \$50,000; and |
| (4) | Waikiki Community Center             | \$75,000.     |

The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department of health for the purposes of this part.

#### PART V

SECTION 10. The legislature finds that the Hawaii health aging partnership was established in 2003 to improve the health status of older adults by empowering residents to make healthy decisions and engage in healthier lifestyles. Since its formation, the health aging partnership has successfully adapted evidence-based health promotion program and disease prevention



1 programs for the multicultural population in Hawaii. The  
2 legislature further finds that participants who complete  
3 workshops offered by the healthy aging partnership feel better,  
4 are less limited by their health conditions, and often spend  
5 less time at their doctor's office. The legislature also finds  
6 that the healthy aging partnership received the 2013  
7 Multicultural Aging award from the American Society on Aging.  
8 This award brought national recognition for the healthy aging  
9 partnership's critical role in improving the health of Hawaii's  
10 multiethnic elderly population.

11 The purpose of this part is to provide funding to support  
12 the healthy aging partnership program and its important role in  
13 improving the health and well-being of Hawaii's kupuna.

14 SECTION 11. There is appropriated out of the general  
15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$476,722 or so much  
16 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and the  
17 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
18 2016-2017 for the healthy aging partnership program of the  
19 department of health's executive office on aging.

20 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
21 of health for the purposes of this part.

22 **PART VI**



1       SECTION 12. The legislature finds that one in every three  
2 seniors who dies each year has Alzheimer's disease or related  
3 dementia. In Hawaii, a total of twenty-five thousand  
4 individuals over age sixty-five have been diagnosed with  
5 Alzheimer's disease - a statistic that will increase by 40 per  
6 cent by 2025. This does not reflect those under age sixty-five  
7 who have dementia or those who are undiagnosed. An estimated 60  
8 to 80 per cent of those living with cognitive impairment are not  
9 diagnosed. It is imperative for the public to be aware of the  
10 importance of early detection and accurate diagnosis for  
11 Alzheimer's disease and related dementia.

12       The legislature further finds that the public awareness and  
13 communication subcommittee of the statewide task force on  
14 Alzheimer's disease and related dementia made the key  
15 recommendation calling for a public awareness campaign that  
16 utilizes various media sources to positively promote adults with  
17 Alzheimer's disease and related dementia with dignity and  
18 respect and highlight caregivers as compassionate individuals  
19 who champion the health and well-being of their loved ones.

20       SECTION 13. There is appropriated out of the general  
21 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$200,000 or so much  
22 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2015-2016 and the





1 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
2 2016-2017 for an Alzheimer's disease and related dementia public  
3 awareness campaign that will utilize various media sources to  
4 positively promote adults with Alzheimer's disease and related  
5 dementia with dignity and respect and highlight caregivers as  
6 compassionate individuals who champion the health and well-being  
7 of their loved ones.

8 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department  
9 of health for the purposes of this part.

10 **PART VII**

11 SECTION 14. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
12 and stricken.

13 SECTION 15. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.

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**Description:**

Part I: Appropriates funds for the kupuna care program and an aging and disability resource center. Part II: Removes hiring requirement by director of health in accordance with chapters 76 and 89, Hawaii Revised Statutes, for the position of Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services coordinator. Appropriates funds for the Alzheimer's disease and related dementia services coordinator. Part III: Appropriates funds for fall prevention and early detection services for the elderly. Part IV: Appropriates funds for various senior center programs. Part V: Appropriates funds to support the healthy aging partnership program. Part VI: Appropriates funds for an Alzheimer's disease and related dementia public awareness campaign.

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